

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to broaden the claims.

New claims 11 and 12 are based on original claims 1 and 2, 6 and 7.

In response to the rejection of claims 1, 3-6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. patent 5,929,849 to Kikinis, the citation does not identically disclose each of the elements of the claimed inventions.

More specifically with regard to claim 1, the citation does not suggest "execution of the application of the stream associated with the channel is disabled in response to the user selecting the channel," as in amended claim 1. Claims 2-5 are dependent on claim 1 and are thus allowable for the same reasons.

With regard to claim 6, the citation does not suggest "the execution unit is arranged to disable execution of the application of the stream associated with the channel in response to the user selecting the channel" as in amended claim 6. Claims 8-9 are dependent on claim 6 and are thus, allowable for at least the same reasons.

In response to the rejection of claims 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), for allegedly being unpatentable over Kikinis in view of U.S. application publication 2002/0056086 to Yuen, the differences between the claims and the combination of citation are such that the subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, to those of ordinary skill in the art.

More specifically with regard to claim 2, the combination of the citations does not suggest "execution of the application of the stream associated with the channel is enabled in response to ... the timer reaching a predetermined timeout value," as in claim 2.

With regard to claim 7, the combination of citations does not suggest that "the execution unit is arranged to enable execution of the application ... in response to ... the timer reaching a predetermined timeout.

The claims are definite and distinguished from the citations and Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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